

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

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## CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### 1. **Committee's Official Designation (Title):**

Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee

### 2. **Authority:**

This charter renews the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App.2 § 9 (c). CHPAC is in the public interest and supports the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in performing its duties and responsibilities under Executive Order 13045 of April 21, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 19885 (April 23, 1997)).

### 3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:**

CHPAC will provide advice, information and recommendations to assist EPA in the development of regulations, guidance and policies to address children's health.

The major objectives are to provide advice and recommendations on:

- a. Issues associated with regulations, science, economics, and outreach/communications to address prevention of adverse health effects to children, and improve the breadth and depth of analyses related to these efforts;
- b. Regulatory approaches, science policies, economic policies, and outreach/communications activities relating to children's health;
- c. Options for children's environmental health protection issues;
- d. Critical policy and technical issues relating to children's health.

### 4. **Description of Committees Duties:**

The duties of CHPAC are solely advisory in nature.

**5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports:**

CHPAC will provide advice and recommendations, and report to the EPA Administrator.

**6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support:**

EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, Office of the Administrator.

**7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Work Years:**

The estimated annual operating cost of CHPAC is \$350,000 which includes 1.0 person-years of support.

**8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:**

CHPAC expects to meet approximately three (3) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every four (4) months or as needed and approved by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate. A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the (DFO). The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings and each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so.

As required by FACA, the CHPAC will hold open meetings unless the EPA Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with the CHPAC.

**9. Duration and Termination:**

This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this two-year period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA (5 U.S.C. App.2 § 14).

**10. Member Composition:**

CHPAC will be composed of approximately 20-30 members. Members will serve as Representative members of non-Federal interests or as Regular Government Employees (RGE). In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from Federal, State, local and Tribal governments, the regulated community, public interest groups, health care professionals and academia.

**11. Subgroups:**

EPA, or the CHPAC with EPA's approval, may form CHPAC subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the CHPAC for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the EPA.

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Agency Approval Date

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GSA Consultation Date

September 21, 2007  
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